

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

December 14, 2023



US Highway 81 Reconstruction

North Washington Street

1st Avenue North to 8th Avenue North

Project No. NHU-6-081(115)943, PCN 23739

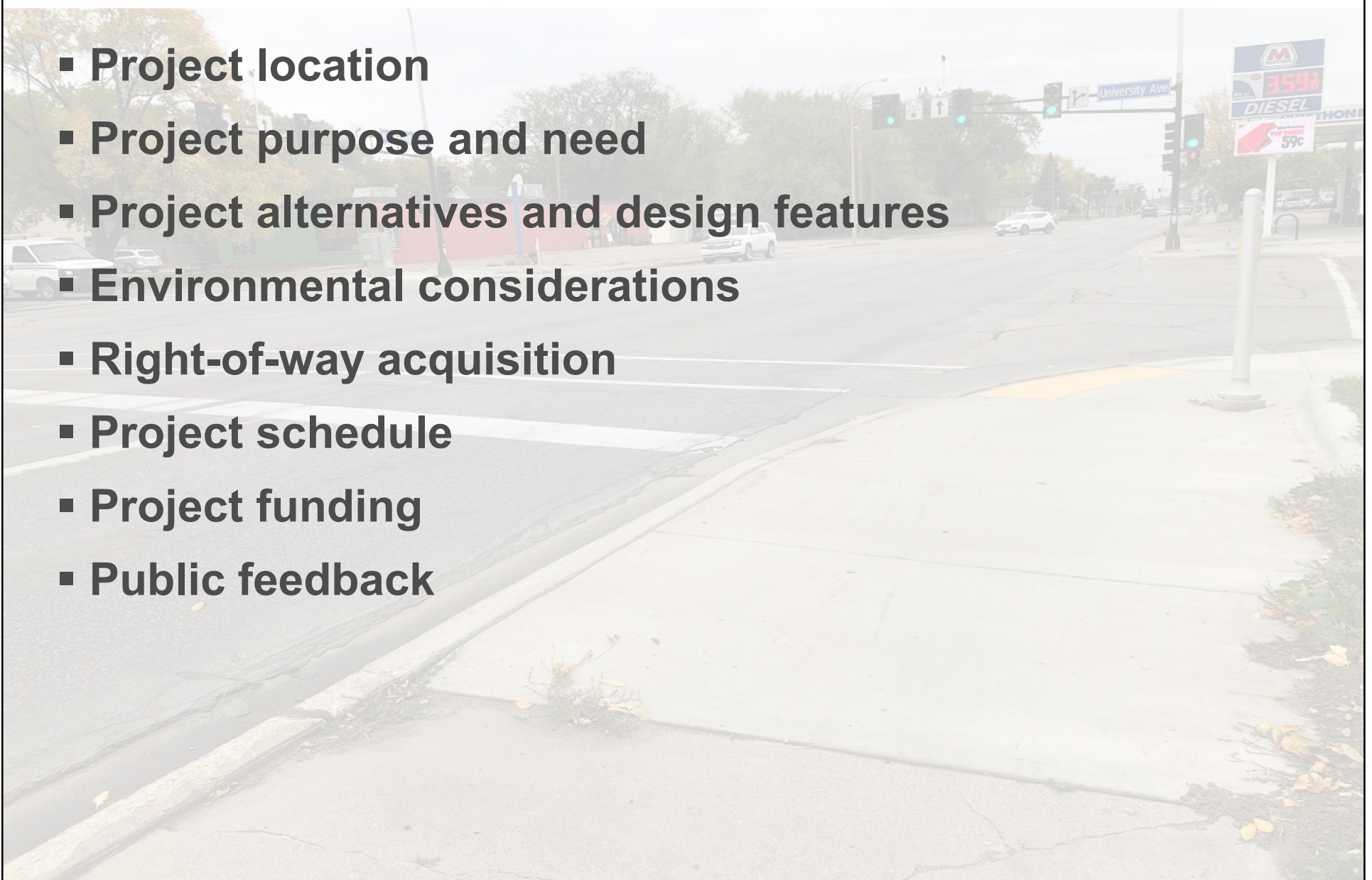
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Presentation Agenda



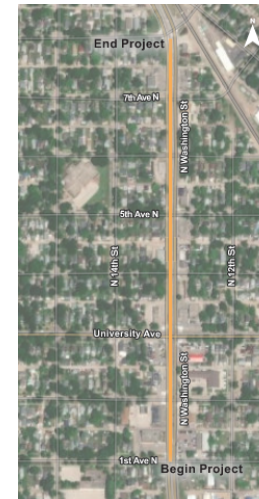
- Project location
- Project purpose and need
- Project alternatives and design features
- Environmental considerations
- Right-of-way acquisition
- Project schedule
- Project funding
- Public feedback



Project Outreach



- Postcard Mailers
- Social Media
- Business Visits
- Business & Property Owner Open House (11/8/23)
- Public Input Meeting Open House (12/14/23)



Reconstruction of US Highway 81 1st Avenue North to 8th Avenue North

Project Summary

Roadway improvements along North Washington Street are being proposed, which include access modifications, enhancing rideability, drainage upgrades, and safety improvements for pedestrians and motorists.

Share Your Feedback

We're reaching out to businesses that may be impacted by this project to review the proposed improvements being considered.

We invite you to meet our project team, share your questions, and incorporate your feedback into this project.

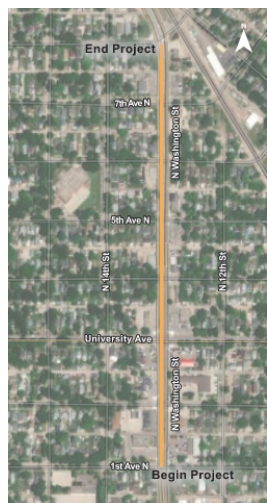
November 8, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The HIVE
375 2nd Avenue North
Grand Forks, ND 58203



View the project website here!

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Public Input Meeting

Reconstruction of US Highway 81 1st Avenue North to 8th Avenue North

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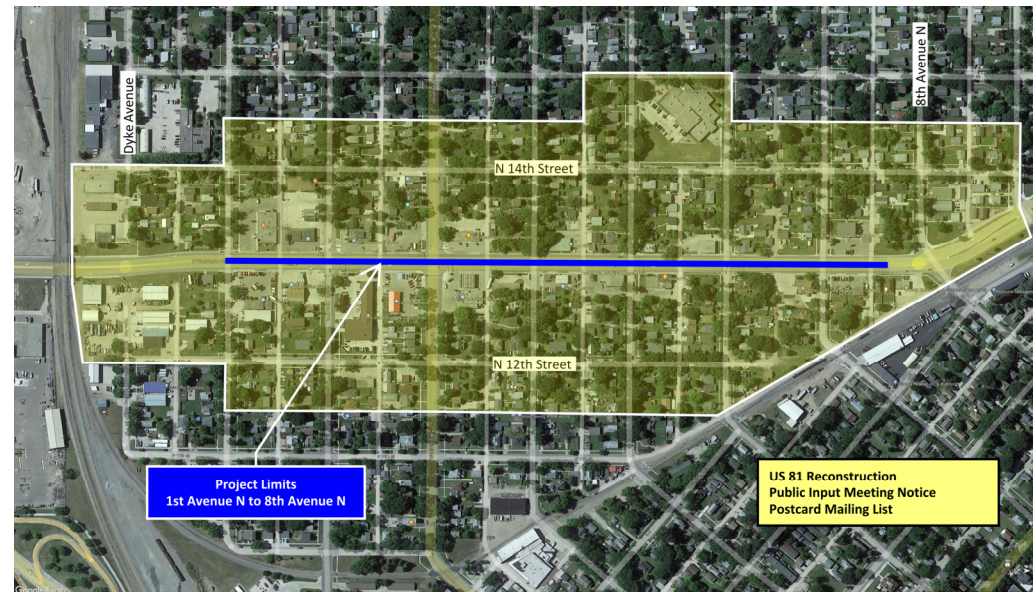
December 14, 2023
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Presentation: 5:30 p.m.

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Project Location



Project Purpose and Need



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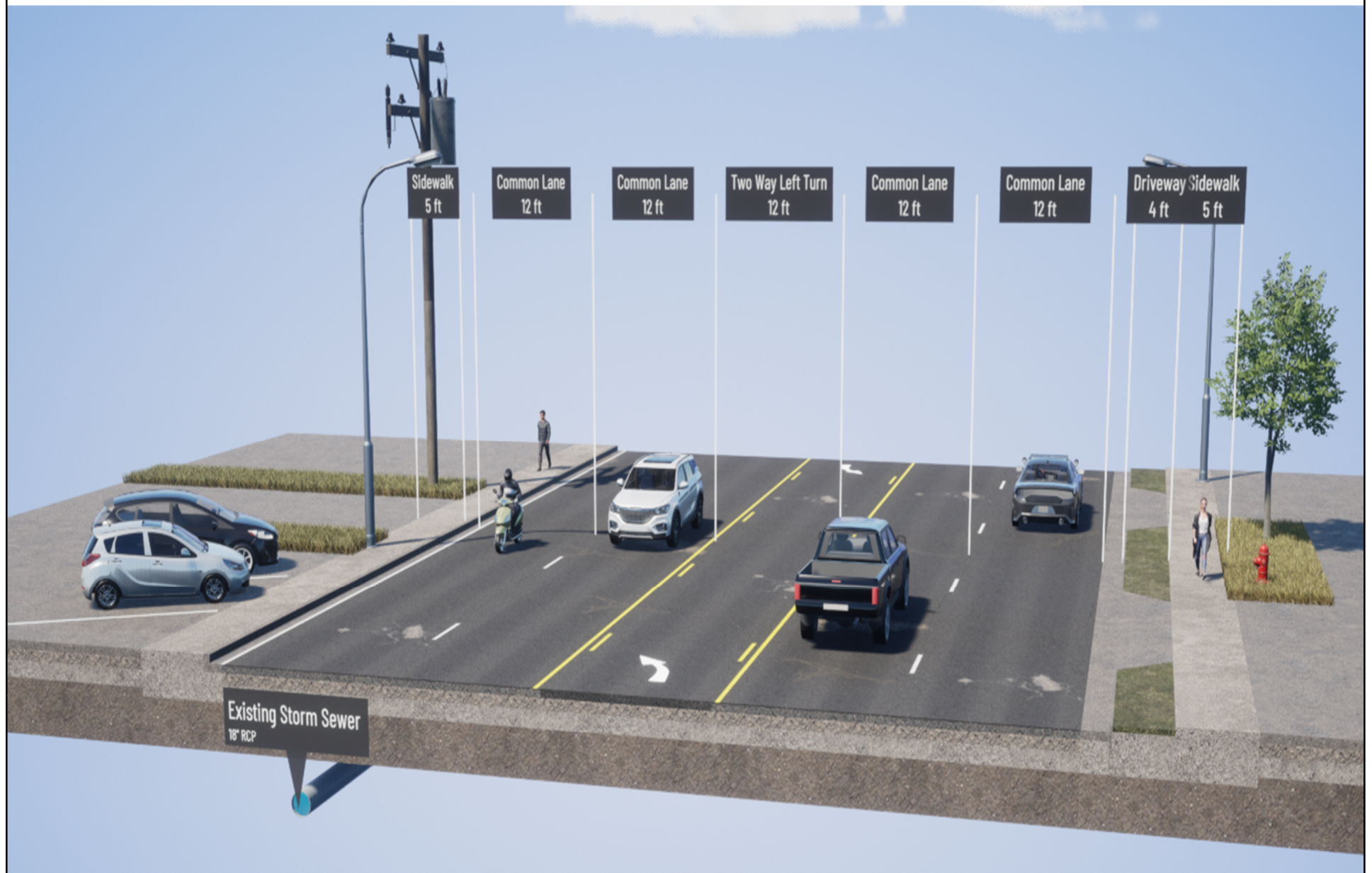
- Reestablish the roadway structural integrity
- Improve traffic safety
- Access management

Project Need

- Original construction pre-dates 1951 – widened in 1970 – overlay in 2018
- Drainage issues (SB lane – University Avenue to 8th Avenue North)
- Access management - multiple driveways
- Pedestrian facilities do not meet ADA requirements
- Outdated traffic signals and lighting



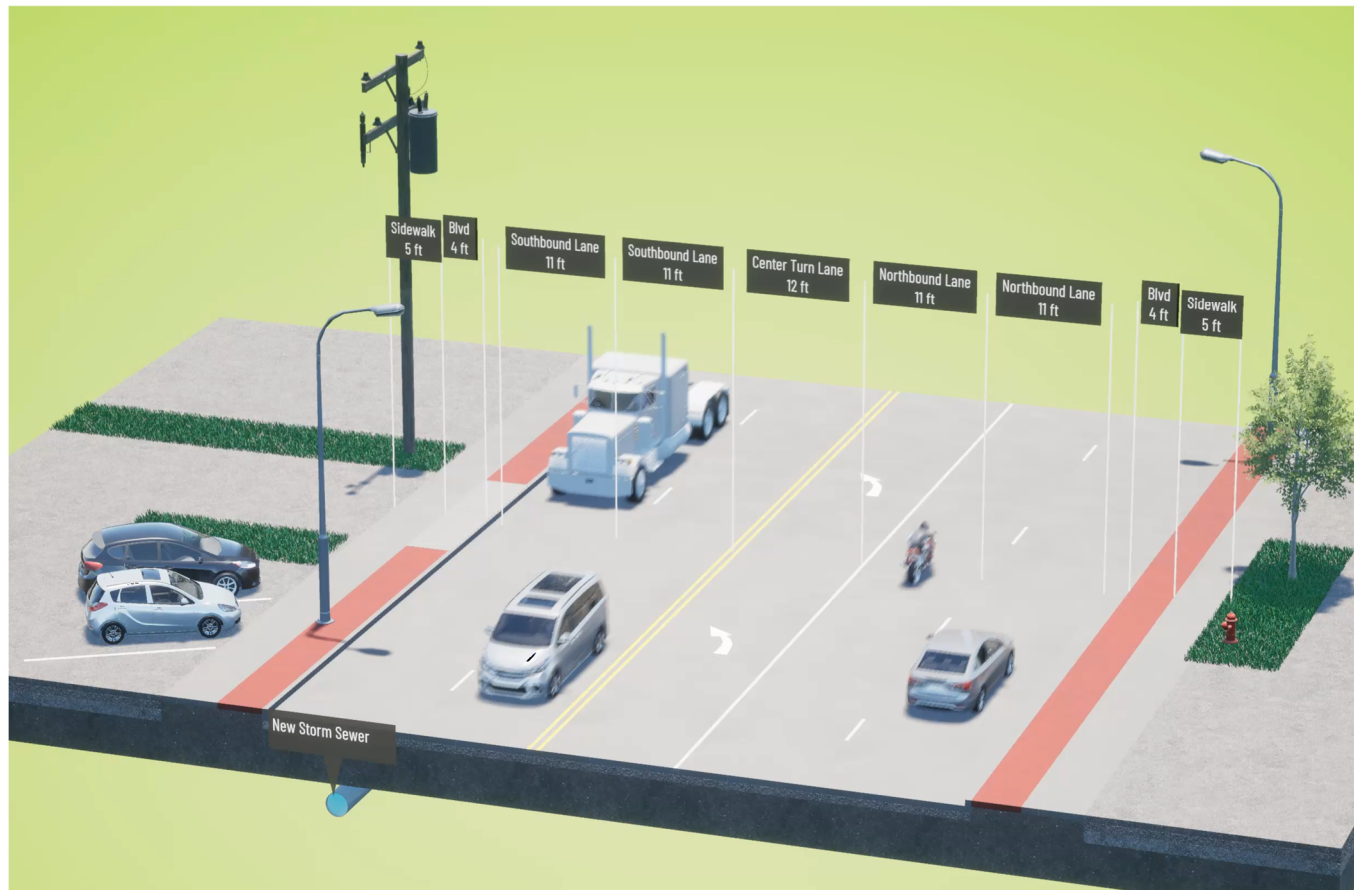
Existing Corridor (Looking North)



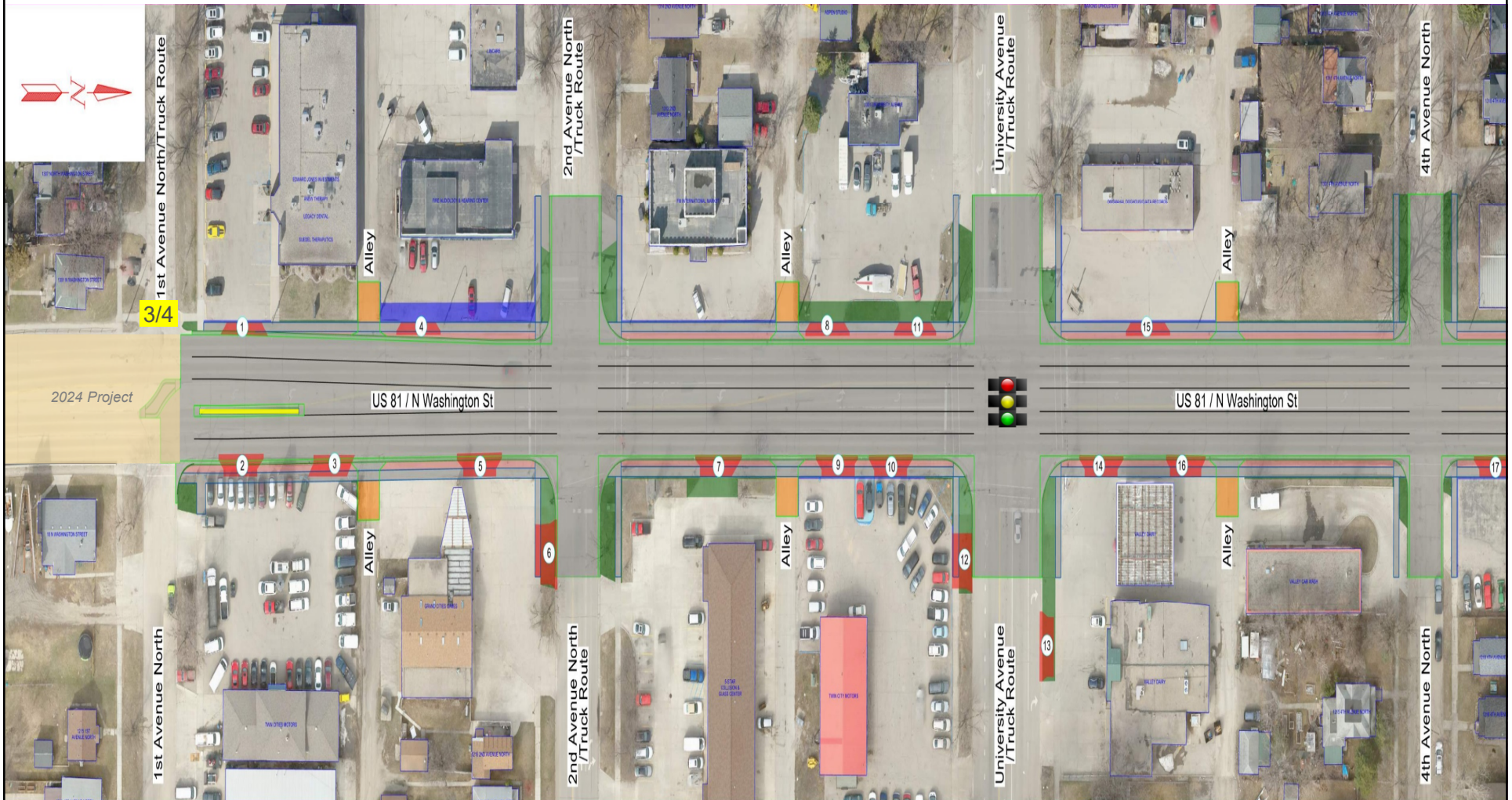
Design Concept



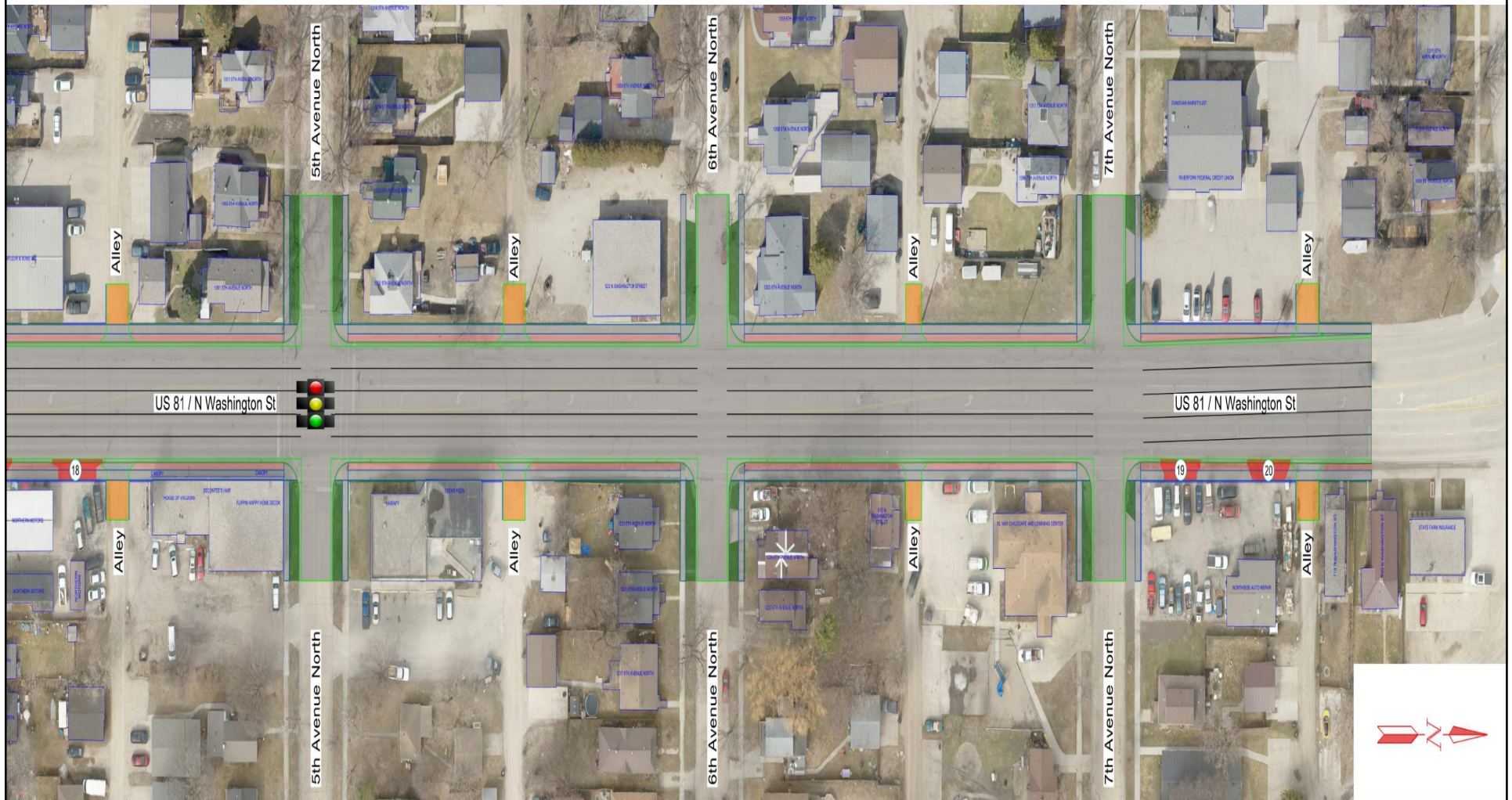
- 11-foot driving lanes
- Paved boulevard
- ADA compliant sidewalks
- Driveway removals
- Remove 2nd Avenue N traffic signal
- Upgraded storm sewer system
- New street lighting and traffic signals



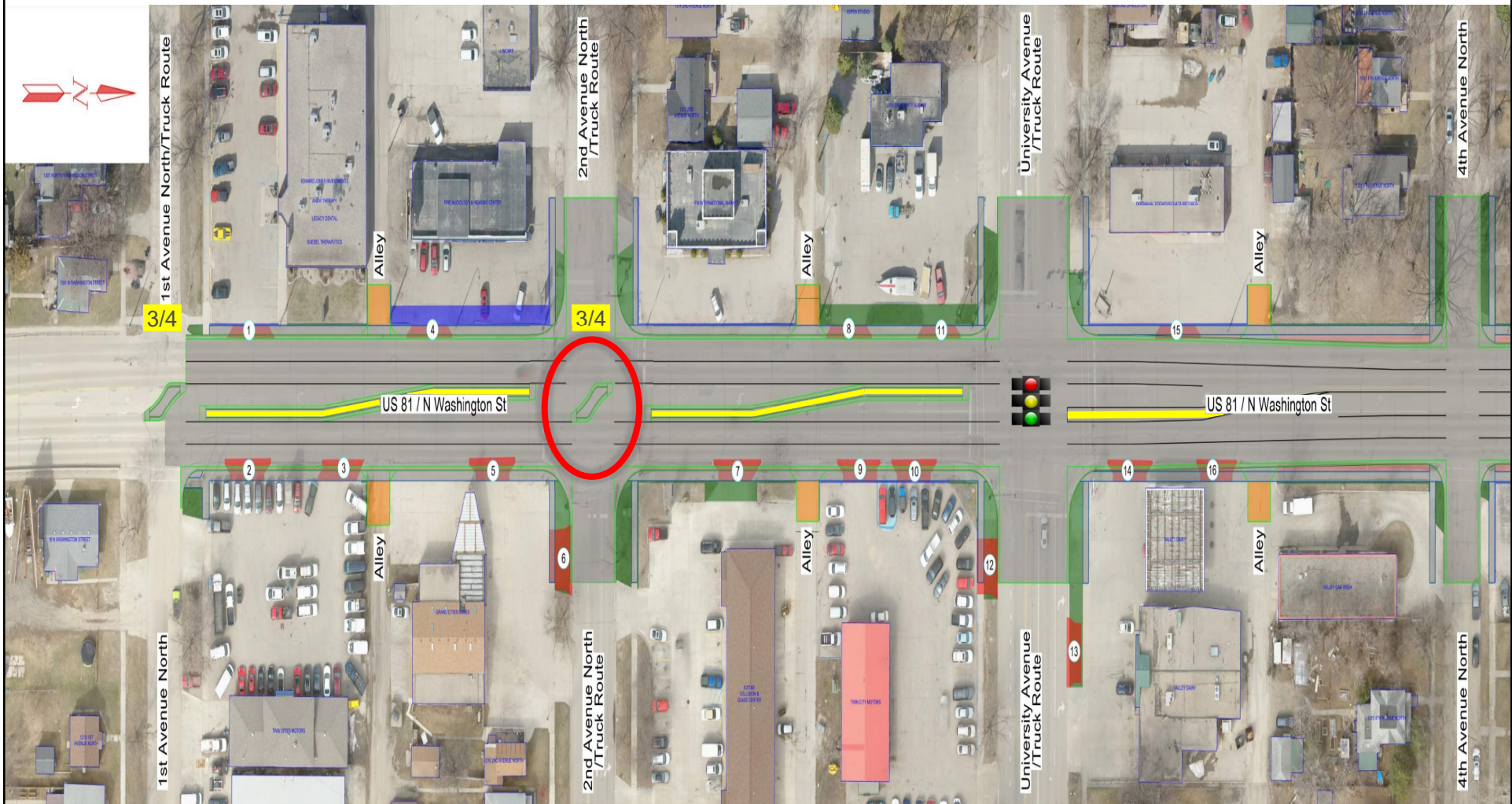
Design Concept (1st Avenue N to 4th Avenue N)



Design Concept (4th Avenue N to 8th Avenue N)



Design Concept – $\frac{3}{4}$ Access w/ Raised Median (1st Avenue N to 4th Avenue N)



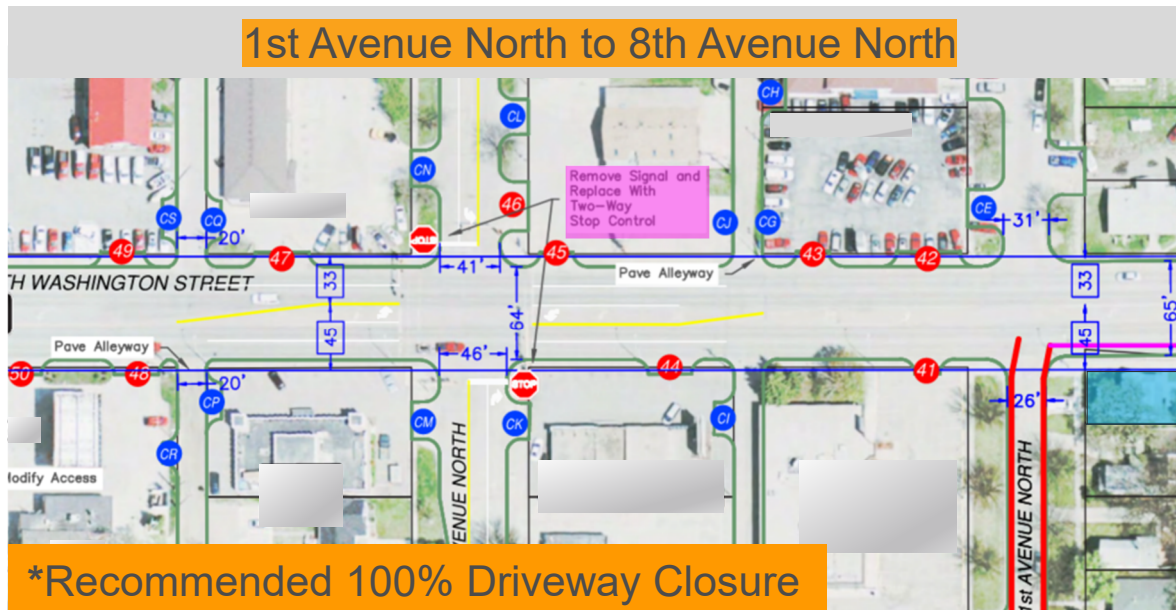
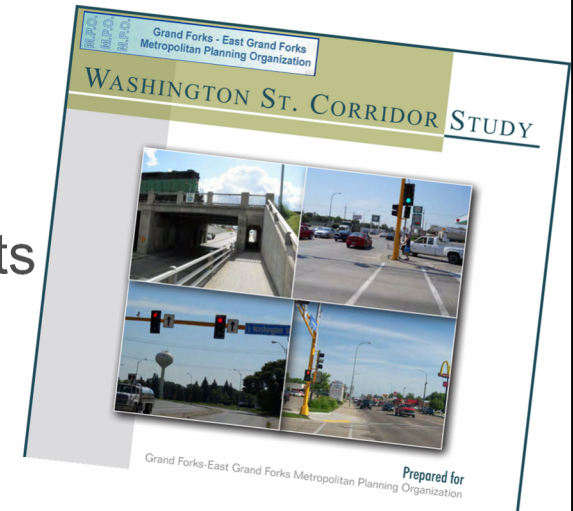
Raised Medians

2012 Washington Street Corridor Study



Summary of Strategies

- Phased reconstruction
- Consolidate, relocate, and *remove access points
- Revise intersection traffic control (*2nd Avenue N*)
- Sidewalk buffer along Washington Street
- ADA compliance - sidewalks
- Alternate bicycle route (*N 15th Street*)



Work Zone Traffic Control



Phased Construction



Access Restrictions



Safety



Environmental Considerations



- Section 4(f) – pedestrian access to be maintained
- Economic/Social - temporary impacts to adjacent businesses
- None present or required:
 - Cultural resources, wetlands, and noise analysis



Right-of-Way Acquisition



Temporary Construction Easements (Most properties)

- Driveway/parking lot restoration
- Sidewalk grading
- Landscaping

Permanent (Fee Acquisition)

- Roadway and traffic signals



Project Schedule



Phase I & Phase II

Preliminary Design & Environmental Document

Phase III

Final Design, Utility Coordination & Right of Way Acquisition

Phase IV

Construction



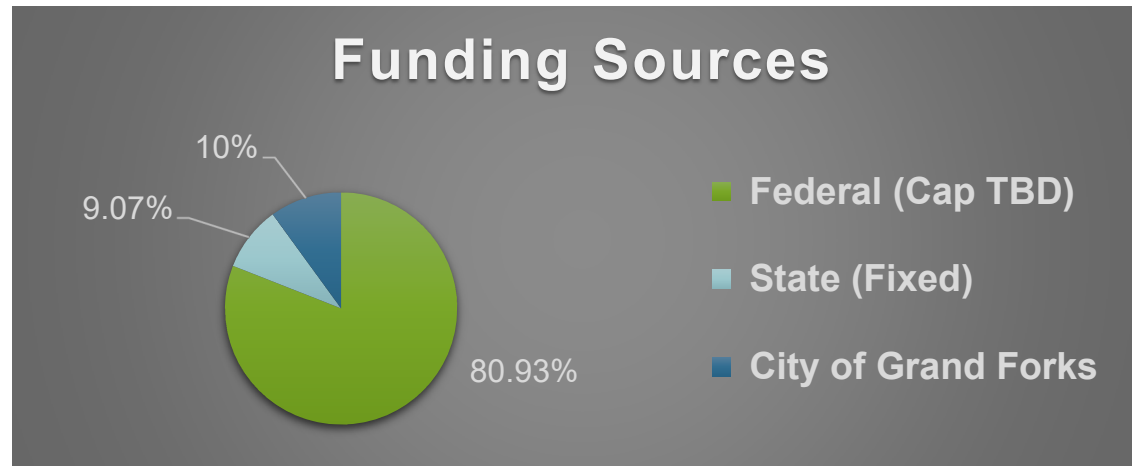
**Note: 2025-2027 dates are tentative and subject to change*

Preliminary Project Costs & Project Funding



	Estimated Engineering & Construction Cost	Estimated Right of Way Acquisition Cost	Estimated Total Project Cost
Base Alternative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reconstruction	\$10,800,000	\$215,000	\$11,015,000
Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">3/4 Access at 2nd Avenue N	\$270,000	\$200,000	\$470,000

Amounts shown based on 2027 dollars



There are no special assessments to property owners

Public Feedback

Comments or Questions



Public Involvement:

- *We value your input regarding the proposed project improvements*
- *All comments, questions, or recommendations are welcome*
- *All project specific comments will be addressed in the environmental review for this project*

Mail written comments to:

*Houston Engineering, Inc.
Attn: Deon Wawrzyniak
4399 South Columbia Road
Suite 101
Grand Forks, ND 58201*

Email comments to:

*dwawrzyniak@houstoneng.com
Email Subject: **"Public Input Meeting"***

Project Website:

Scan the QR Code for the project website and provide feedback on the interactive map or comment card



*All comments must be postmarked or emailed by **December 29, 2023***

Public Participation Survey

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Option 1

Title VI and Nondiscrimination Survey Link

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related nondiscrimination authorities require the North Dakota Department of Transportation to ensure everyone has the opportunity to comment on the transportation programs and activities that may affect their community. To help with that, we ask that you respond to the following questions. You are not required to disclose the information requested in order to participate. Any information provided to the NDDOT will be retained solely for the purpose of collecting statistical data to ensure inclusion of all segments of the population affected by transportation programs and activities.

TITLE VI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY



Title VI Public Participation Survey

1. Sex:

☐ Female

☐ Male

2. Disability:

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Age:

☐ 34 and younger

☐ 35-54

☐ 55 and older

4. Race:

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native

☐ Asian

☐ Black/African American

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

☐ White

☐ Other

5. Language most frequently spoken in your home:

☐ Arabic

☐ Bosnian

☐ Croatian

☐ English

☐ German

Electronic
Survey
Sample

Option 2

Attachments

Files:

NDDOT TITLE VI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY

North Dakota Department of Transportation, Civil Rights
SFN 60149 (3-2022)

PLEASE USE DARK INK AND PRINT CLEARLY

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Sex:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Disability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Age:	<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-40	<input type="checkbox"/> 41-65	<input type="checkbox"/> 65+	
Race:					
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian				
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American					
Language Most Frequently Spoken in your Home:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese			
<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Slavic Language			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other African Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian	<input type="checkbox"/> English			
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Other India Language	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you receive public assistance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
How did you hear about this event?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet	<input type="checkbox"/> NDDOT Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Television			
<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Group			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Service Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>			

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Event Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	City	County	Div/Dist Number	PCN
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☐ Fargo-Moorhead Metro COG

☐ Grand Forks-East Grand Forks

ROW:

☐ Negotiation

☐ Relocation

Subrecipient:

☐ Yes

☒ No

*After you have completed this form, please place it in the designated location.

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Thank You!

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